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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2156

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETEL, NO, UR, US
SUBJECT: SOVIET RADIO INTERFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 90201 (NOTAL, (B) MOSCOW 5531

1. CONTINUING DIALOG WITH GON ON SOVIET RADIO INTERFERENCE,
EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH MFA'S AMB HAAKON NORD SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS.
NORD THANKED US FOR KEEPING GON INFORMED AND SAID HE WAS NOT
SURPRISED THAT BILATERAL APPROACHES TO SOVIET MFA HAVE BEEN
UNSUCCESSFUL IN STOPPING INTERFERENCE. HE WAS ALMOST AMUSED
AT SOVIET ATTEMPT TO TURN THE MATTER OVER TO ITU.

2. WHILE EMBOFF WAS PRESENT NORD PHONED GON TECHNICAL EXPERT
IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION TO GET READOUT ON RECENT
DISTURBANCE LEVELS HERE. REPORT IS THAT IN GENERAL
CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE THE NEW YEAR. NORD THEN ASKED
EMBOFF WHETHER MOST RECENT DEMARCHE IN MOSCOW WAS MADE BECAUSE
OF INCREASING LEVELS OF INTERFERENCE OR TO PURSUE A POLITICAL
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POINT. EMBOFF SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER THAT.

3. COMMENT: NORWEGIANS VIEW DISTURBANCES AS SERIOUSLY AS WE
DO, STRESSING IN PARTICULAR THE DANGERS POSED TO SAFETY OF
LIFE AT SEA AND IN THE AIR. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE RELUCTANT
TO PURSUE MATTER WITH SOVIETS AT POLITICAL LEVEL BECAUSE OF
THE MANY OTHER "MORE SERIOUS" NORWEGIAN/SOVIET BILATERAL

ISSUES UP IN THE AIR AT THIS TIME. AT ITU CONFERENCE IN
FEBRUARY NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS HELD CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS ON
DISTRURBANCES WITH SOVIET DELEGATES, BUT THEY DID NOT RAISE
ISSUE IN PLENARY. RE MOSCOW'S COMMENT, NORWEGIANS WOULD HAVE
TO CONSIDER VERY CARFULLY AT HIGHEST LEVELS ANY POSSIBLE
ASSOCIATION WITH OTHERS TO RAISE SUBJECT IN ITU OR OTHER
INTERNATIONAL FORUM. GENERAL VIEW SEEMS TO BE THAT US IS
"BIG ENOUGH" TO BE ABLE TO MAKE PROTEST TO SOVIETS ON THIS
ISSUE, BUT THAT NORWEGIANS HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE TO EXPAND
VALUABLE POLITICAL CAPITAL ON IT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
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